

RNN Newsletter

January 2021



Happy New Year 2021!



We are entering in the new year energized by our December Holiday Party (thanks again to all who helped organize it)

and

hopeful for what 2021 will bring! (vaccinations, safety and all that we have missed in 2020)

“For last year's words belong to last year's language. And next year's words await another voice.” —T.S. Eliot

Do not miss RNN January Program!

Everett and Ginny Blodgett will present

“A Glimpse into Reading’s Past”

On January 19th

Zoom Meeting will start at 2:45pm, the Educational Program will start at 3:00pm.

Everett and Ginny Blodgett have lived in Reading for almost 40 years and during this time they both were, and continue to be, actively involved in learning about the town’s history from its inception as Lynn Village in 1639. During their talk, they will share some of Reading's long history through their collection of photographs and memorabilia. We will all learn something new about Reading from their talk! *Everett and Ginny wrote the **Reading** edition for the **Images of America** published by Arcadia Publishing in 2019.*

Lend a Hand (LAH)

LAH will be available for two categories:

- 1) Help a Homebound member, including: Visit/ call; providing a meal and/or some groceries; run an errand
- 2) Basic Technology: For example, help with computer, cell phone, TV via phone or a video connection.

Currently, for the sake of continued safety, RNN will not plan to use ‘Provide A Ride’; ‘Accompany Member to an Appointment’ or ‘Help Around the House’ (with possible exception if the chore is outside and safe).

LAH coordinator: Rob Ward - call/text at 781-864-1257; or e-mail: rsward23@verizon.net.

LAH Co-coordinator: Pam Amidon - call/text at 617-429-6902

Interest Groups Updates

Koffee Klatch Group (a message from Ginny)



Hello Koffee Klatch friends. This holiday season was, most likely, quite different for most of us. Maybe some of you even started some new traditions that can be added to next year's holiday season - when our lives are back to normal. How's that for optimism! But, until we can see each other in person once again, here is the Koffee Klatch ZOOM meeting information for our January meeting. We will meet on Tuesday, January 19th at 10:00am. A day or so before the ZOOM meeting you will receive another email with log on information.

Film and Arts Group (a message from Gina)

We'll be having Movie Monday on **Tuesday**, January 5th at 1 pm. Please note change of day!

Hot Topics (a message from Tom Mottl)

The Hot Topics Interest Group will hold its January meeting on Wednesday the 13th from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.. You will receive the ZOOM invitation to join the meeting next week and we will watch and discuss two 15 minute videos relevant to the divided nature of society today in the U.S.: a TED talk by Harvard Professor Noah Feldman titled *Hamilton vs. Madison and the Birth of American Partisanship* and the second an ASPEN Institute Ideas Now video titled *What Comes Next after the Election? A Q&A with NPR's Tamara Keith*. RNN members who are not part of the Hot Topics Interest Group are welcome to join in the meeting - just use this link: <https://zoom.us/j/98896419907>

From our friends at Elder Services come “Pleasantries”.

To read “Pleasantries” click on the link below:

https://www.readingma.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlf1116/f/pages/jan_2021_newsletter.pdf

From our members....(this is from Hanna - one of my friends shared this collection of jokes with me and I share it forward)

1. The dumbest thing I ever bought was a 2020 planner.
2. I was so bored I called Jake from State Farm just to talk to someone. He asked me what I was wearing.
3. 2019: Stay away from negative people. 2020: Stay away from positive people.
4. The world has turned upside down. Old folks are sneaking out of the house & their kids are yelling at them to stay indoors!
5. This morning I saw a neighbor talking to her dog. It was obvious she thought her dog understood her. I came into my house & told my cat. We laughed a lot.
6. Every few days try your jeans on just to make sure they fit. Pajamas will have you believe all is well in the kingdom.
7. Does anyone know if we can take showers yet or should we just keep washing our hands?
8. This virus has done what no woman has been able to do. Cancel sports, shut down all bars & keep men home!
9. I never thought the comment, "I wouldn't touch him/her with a 6-foot pole" would become a national policy, but here we are!
10. I need to practice social-distancing from the refrigerator.
11. I hope the weather is good tomorrow for my trip to the Backyard. I'm getting tired of the Living Room.
12. Never in a million years could I have imagined I would go up to a bank teller wearing a mask & ask for money.